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MARION, OHIO, SATURDAY EVENING, MARCH 16, 1907.

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FIRE ADDS TO THE FLOOD HORRORS AT WHEELING

Large Factory, Lumber Yards and More Than a Score of Tenements Wiped Out and a Number of Lives Lost as a Result.

Aberdeen is Swept by a Fire Which Originated With the Explosion of a Keg of Powder-The Ohio at Cincinnati is Still Rising and a Sixty Foot Stage is Expected by Tonight—Number of Casualties in the Lower Ohio Valley is Placed at Forty-Three.

Wheeling, W. Va., March 16.—Fire this morning destroyed the Warwick pottery, and twenty adjoining tenements.

Many persons were rescued from the upper windows in skiffs while others jumped from windows into the flood and were drowned. The bodies were swept away and the dead are estimated at from seven to eleven.

At Bridgeport the plant of the Scott Lumber company was destroyed also the surrounding houses. The loss is \$15,000.

Coney Island, a pleasure resort in Ohio was swept away. At Warrenton the school house and seven houses were carried away.

At Wheeling the river spreads from the Ohio hills to the West Virginia hills and business is suspended. Communication is possible only by skiffs. The water is slowly receding at Wheeling.

Cincinnati, O., March 16.—The river this morning stands at 57.7 feet and is still rising. A 60 foot stage is expected by night. Hundreds of homes here are inundated.

The loss of life in the lower Ohio valley to date, is placed at forty-three as follows: Chillicothe, 2; Mingo Junction, 6; Athens, 7; Nelsonville, 3; Trimble, 1; Marietta, 2; Sandusky, 1; Zanesville, 4; Circleville, 2; Wheeling, 11; Parkersburg, 4.

Aberdeen, O., March 16.—The business section of the town was swept by a disastrous fire. A keg of powder exploded, and several business blocks were destroyed. The town is partly under water.

Gloster, O., March 13.—This city is practically isolated by water. Appeals have been made to the governor for help and he is trying to get aid into the stricken town. Chillicothe's loss, mainly to railroads, is estimated at \$1,000,000. The flood is receding.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 16.—The flood here is subsiding rapidly. At nine o'clock the mark showed 22.2. The maximum was 6.2. Thousands are homeless and hundreds are hungry. The loss will run into the millions. Forty blast furnaces with an output of 19,000 tons day are out of business.

HALICON HALL IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Mysterious Explosion Blows Out the Front of the Building and Fire Follows—Many Members of the Socialistic Colony Have Very Narrow Escapes.

New York, March 16.—Halicon Hall, Upton Sinclair's socialistic colony at Englewood, was totally destroyed this morning, following a mysterious explosion which tore out the front of the building.

Fifty-five men, women and children narrowly escaped death in the flames. One employee is missing, one is fatally burned, and William Montague, a professor of Columbia university, Alice McGowan, the novelist, Ida Fisher, the writer, Mrs. Grace McGowan, another writer, and Miss Summers, secretary to Sinclair, were badly burned.

MODERN CONSTITUTION FOR THE BABY STATE

Stringent Prohibition Laws to be Adopted and the Initiative and Referendum is Sanctioned—"Jim Crow" and Woman's Suffrage Laws Defeated in Convention.

Guthrie, Okla., March 16.—The constitutional convention after completing its work of drawing up a set of laws to govern the proposed new state of Oklahoma adjourned sine die Friday afternoon. The constitution as prepared will be submitted to the people of Oklahoma and Indian Territory for ratification or rejection at a special election Aug. 6 next.

The sentiment of the age is indignantly stamped upon the constitution, and if it is ratified some modern reforms will be tried in the new state. The convention was composed of 100 Democrats and 12 Republicans.

Probably the most important measure killed by the convention was the provision relative to separate coaches for whites and negroes, although the Democrats had been pledged to insert it. Several delegates alleged that President Roosevelt would reject the constitution if the "Jim Crow" provision were adopted, and warning letters were sent delegates by Senators Tillman and Pettus and others.

Woman suffrage was defeated by a few votes.

The initiative and referendum, patterned after the Oregon law, was adopted as was a provision providing for the nomination of all state officers and United States senators by primary.

Succession in state offices is prohibited and it is provided that committees shall not be named by the lieutenant governor or by the body itself.

Oklahoma will be a prohibition state, the most stringent liquor law in existence, prohibiting not only the sale but the introduction of liquor into the state, being provided that Indian Territory must accept prohibition for 21 years. The convention provided that the whole state shall vote on the question, and there is no doubt that the enabling act will be made uniform over the whole state.

Provision is made for a state railway commission to be effective and a 2-cent passenger fare is ordered.

Railway companies are prohibited from owning any productive agency of a natural commodity, a provision particularly intended to cover coal lands.

A fellow servant law is embodied. Corporations are prohibited from owning more land than necessary for the operation of their business.

The issuance of watered stock is prohibited and the books of all corporations are made subject to inspection at all times.

Corporations to deal in real estate outside of incorporated cities are prohibited.

The legal rate of interest is fixed at 6 per cent and the contract rate at 10 per cent. A compulsory and separate school system is established.

Commissions are created on labor and arbitration, charities, insurance, railroads, agriculture, oil, gas and mines.

The state is divided into 75 counties, 21 judicial districts, 41 senatorial districts and 105 legislative districts.

SIX DEATHS OCCUR FROM SPOTTED FEVER

Castalia, O., March 16.—Six deaths have occurred from spotted fever in two weeks. Thirty people have already fled from town and others are preparing to go.

ILLINOIS FOR CANNON

Governor Deneen Calls on the President and so Informs Him

Washington, March 16.—Governor Deneen of Illinois, who visited President Roosevelt today, announced that Speaker Cannon would be Illinois' candidate for the presidency next year.

CAMBRIDGE WINS THE BOAT RACE.

London, March 16.—Cambridge won the annual boat race from Oxford today by four lengths.

HUNDRED ARE KILLED

Two Mine Disasters Wipe Out the Lives of Many Miners

Berlin, March 16.—Two mining disasters entail the loss of one hundred lives. An explosion of fire damp at Kleinrosseln, Lorraine, caused the death of sixty-five miners and injured twelve others. And the elevator in a mine at St. John dropped 1000 feet, killing twenty-two.

FAIRBANKS GOES FREE

Last Indictment Against Him Has Been Nollid.

Steuersville, O., March 16.—The jury charges against F. C. Fairbanks, son of the vice president, were nollid this morning. He will never be brought to trial. Fairbanks eloped from Pittsburg and a charge of perjury resulted from his securing the license.

INSANE MAN CRUSHES HIS MOTHER'S HEAD

Houghton, Mich., March 16.—Driven insane by the idea that some one was cheating him out of his property, Joseph Hamill crushed his mother's head with a stick of cordwood and slashed her body.

WALL STREET RECOVERS FROM RECENT PANIC

New York, March 16.—The Wall street market has recovered its tone today. The panic is apparently over.

Columbus, O., March 16.—James Mills, formerly tax inquisitor at Eton, Ohio, suicided today by shooting.

RECESS PROVES A GODSEND TO THAW'S ATTORNEYS

They Needed the Time to Recover From the Heavy Blows Received by the Defense--New Line of Battle Being Formed by Delmas.

Jerome Succeeds in Getting Lawyer Hummel's Testimony to the Jury and His Statements Were Very Damaging to Thaw and Evelyn—Reputation of Hummel Will be Assailed by Delmas-Four More Alienists Will be Placed on the Stand Next Week.

New York, March 16.—Today's recess was a godsend to Thaw's hard pressed lawyers, following the terrific blows dealt the defense in the last few days. It gave them time to arrange a new line of battle and prepare to offset the damaging testimony of lawyer Hummel and Smith, White's brother-in-law.

Thaw's attorneys began a conference early. Every available moment until the reconvening of court Monday, will be utilized to prepare their case in sur-rebuttal.

The present week has been disastrous for Thaw. Monday, Jerome seemed beaten, but by getting in Smith's direct evidence of Thaw's rational conversation, prior to the shooting and his apparent hunting for White, before he killed him, backed by Hummel's contradiction of Evelyn's story, has completely changed matters.

It is expected that the defense Monday, will attack Hummel's reputation, showing that his statements are not worthy of credence. Thaw's lawyers believe the jury will believe Evelyn, rather than Hummel.

Evelyn, Mrs. William Thaw and the Countess of Yarmouth, Thaw's sister, visited the prisoner today. The countess sat with her arm about Evelyn, apparently giving the lie to the estrangement story. The lawyers for Thaw have announced that they will have four new alienists Monday to offset the state's experts.

him that the statement that Stanford White had drugged and ruined her was not true. The Hummel testimony came during the afternoon session and Mr. Delmas, first objecting broadly to all of Hummel's testimony, offered a specific objection to each question. Justice Fitzgerald overruled every objection and Mr. Delmas had exceptions noted to the rulings.

Evelyn Nesbit Thaw was called to the stand in the effort of the defense to keep Hummel silent. She declared that she had called upon Hummel in his professional capacity and to seek his advice as a lawyer. Stanford White had taken her to the lawyer's office with that end in view.

Justice Fitzgerald declared that admitting the proposition of counsel and client, Mrs. Thaw had herself waived the professional privilege by giving her version of what transpired at Hummel's office earlier in the case. The bond of secrecy once removed could not be re-established.

Unsuccessful in blocking Hummel's testimony, Attorney Delmas, in cross-examination, brought admissions that the witness had been convicted in December, 1905, on a charge of conspiracy in the same courtroom in which Thaw is being tried. He further admitted that two indictments for subornation of perjury are pending against him, and that one of these indictments charges him with having caused a false affidavit to be made.

Mr. Jerome protested against the witness "being dragged through the humiliating details" of his

trial, but Justice Fitzgerald declined to interpose.

Then Mr. Delmas asked Hummel if he had not heard the speech made by District Attorney Jerome when sentence was about to be imposed; when Mr. Jerome urged the court to pass the longest and heaviest sentence within its power upon Hummel, as he "had been a menace to the community for 20 years."

Justice Fitzgerald sustained an objection to this and Hummel was not compelled to answer.

Mr. Delmas asked Hummel if Jerome is pressing the charge against him.

"He certainly is," said the witness.

Hummel's testimony in brief was to the effect that Evelyn Nesbit had told him among other things that Thaw had beaten her when she refused to sign papers he had prepared charging Stanford White with her betrayal; that he had dictated a statement to a stenographer in the presence of Miss Nesbit and Stanford White; that he gave the affidavit to two of his clerks to take to Miss Nesbit in the Madison Square garden tower, and that the next day the paper was returned to him with Evelyn Nesbit's signature attached. He kept the affidavit until Miss Nesbit called and demanded it. He refused to give it to her and turned it over to Stanford White, advising him to have a photographic copy made.

Hummel first said he had himself arranged for photographing the affidavit, the photographic negative came to his office. A few moments later, however, he completely contradicted himself on this point, saying he did not make the arrangements; that the photographer did not come to his office and that he had not so testified. After Stanford White had the copy made he returned the original of the affidavit, the photographic negatives and the prints made from the negatives to Hummel, who swore today that he subsequently delivered the original affidavit to Miss Nesbit and has not seen it since.

Abraham Snyder, one of Hummel's clerks, testified that he

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EXPRESS TRAIN RUNS INTO AN OPEN SWITCH

Three Persons Fatally, Three Seriously and Seven Others Slightly Injured—Train Crew Left the Switch Standing Open.

Bancroft, Mich., March 16.—The Atlantic Express on the Grand Trunk dashed into a freight on the siding here, this morning. Engineer Schram and fireman Cowan were buried under the debris and will die.

Ten passengers were injured, three seriously. The switch was left open by a freight crew. The express train buckled, and three cars landed on top of the locomotive.

INSANE WOMAN COMMITTS SUICIDE

Newark, O., March 16.—Mrs. O. Katreffe, suicided today at the state insane hospital.

LONDON HAS A MILLION DOLLAR FIRE

London, March 16.—A million dollar fire today ravaged the lumber and manufacturing districts.

PRISONER ESCAPED

He Barricaded Himself in His House and Defied the Deputy Sheriff

Zanesville, March 16.—Having escaped from the court house, Friday, while his trial for forgery was in progress, Washington Trotman, a wealthy farmer, returned to his home near Otsego, barricading himself in his house, and defied a posse of deputy sheriffs to arrest him. Officers laid siege to the house, until Trotman, yielding to the pleadings of his daughter, surrendered himself, Saturday.

FORAKER DENOUNCED

Ashtabula Republicans go on Record as Against the Senior Senator

Ashtabula, O., March 16.—Leading republicans of Ashtabula county cheered former prosecutor Standkey, as he denounced Foraker last night.

Every patriotic head should hang in shame," he said, "when we see a senator from our state, fighting every reform advocated by the president."

Barton was the guest of honor.



"He walked right in and turned around and walked right out again."

—Webster in Chicago Inter Ocean.